

AT&T's reason on their acquisition is to provide mobile service to areas they don't offer in the US. More consumers will have access to their service which is good for business and the consumer if there's going to be reliable coverage. However, I'm more worried about the price of coverage and handsets down the line. When there's not enough competition for a product and service major companies drive the prices up. AT&T has been known in the past to do this. The laws always seem to tip in their favor. I've just read an article that states the Supreme Court allows AT&T the ability to avoid class action lawsuits. So individuals will have to file suits on their own which they're more than likely to lose against a telecom giant. But back to my point, the prices of service will skyrocket. Since the fable iPhone, AT&T has changed their services 3 times within 3 years. And if you calculate it their price has gone up each time. My biggest gripe is the fact that AT&T/T-Mobile will create a monopoly in the US. GSM/HSUPA is a worldwide technology. What happens when AT&T lands a new, highly anticipated device that uses the quad-band technology? My guess, they wouldn't sell it to consumers who would like to use in other countries that can't afford to get the device. Or, consumers who do not want to sign up with a new commitment to the carrier will be forced to do so in order to get the device. Also, this may render the consumer's grandfathered plan inadequate for the specified handsets because AT&T network will knock it out if it recognizes that their sim cards are lodged into a device with a special plan. I do not want the deal to go through. I've been with AT&T for 13 years. I've never been with T-mobile. But I like that they exist to balance the playing field when it comes to pricing service. They are great for that. Obviously, if this deal goes through, Sprint will be the underdog in the mobile community. And their lowest fully fledged package is a little above \$80 whereas T-mobile was \$70. The reason why T-mobile needed an acquisition is because they weren't landing good deal on handsets. This is understandable because their service was already at a strict low. AT&T may think this is good for consumers, but as a consumer, who's been with AT&T for many years, I am telling you, the FCC, to put a stop to this acquisition. If AT&T can't support the amounts of data transmitting between cell towers then maybe they should reconsider forcing data plans on smartphones and just letting the consumers choose their package. AT&T is willing to spend 39 billion on buying another company so why can't they use that money to better their infrastructural. This acquisition isn't about consumer wants and need; it's about greed, money, and keeping shareholders happy.